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SOURCES/METHODS EXEMPTION 3020  
NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT  
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8 October 1952

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF, FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Project AECOB

1. This project proposes a joint P&P-FI activity aimed at the Latvian SSR. The FI portion of the operation, for which approval is requested, will have the following objectives:

(a) The development and training of non-American agents who will be infiltrated into the Latvian SSR to serve as support points for other operations and to collect operational and/or strategic intelligence.

(b) The establishment in Latvia of covert resident agents who will assist other agents being infiltrated into other parts of the USSR, and who will assist in the attainment of long-range intelligence objectives.

2. The following agents are now involved in this activity: CAMBARO/1 (in Germany), [ ] (in the U.S.), CAMBARO/2 (in Germany), CAMUSO/11 (in Germany), CAMUSO/12 (in Germany), and three agents now being trained in Germany for dispatch into the Latvian SSR.

3. Contact will be maintained with the agents inside the Latvian SSR by means of W/T (see attached Communications Annex), S/W, and by courier.

4. Although no positive U.S. control over the agents appears to exist at present, SR states that such control is considered of great importance and every effort will be made to develop it.

5. Both the British and the Swedes claim to have agents in Latvia. When it is to the advantage of CIA, and when circumstances warrant it, the British and the Swedes may be advised of certain aspects of FI operations.

6. Special equipment required for this project will consist of W/T sets (provided by OC, see Communications Annex attached), S/W material, personal arms, cameras, "L" and "K" tablets, Soviet-type clothing, sterile concentrated foods, rubles and bribery and barter items.

7. It is planned that one mission a year will be dispatched into the target area, beginning in 1952.

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8. The total estimated cost of this joint operation is \$239,500\*, of which the FI portion is as follows:

Compensation for recruiter and instructors (4 persons)	\$15,000
Compensation for 2 new agents	10,000
Compensation for 3 agents in Latvia	7,500
Operational expenses	30,000
Special equipment for two teams	20,000
	\$82,500

The FI Budget Officer states that sufficient funds are available.

9. Death and disability benefits to the maximum extent of \$10,000 will be provided agents recruited under this project for infiltration into Latvia.

10. Two agents, CAMBARO/1 and CAMBARO/2, may be assisted in coming to the United States through regular immigration channels.

RECOMMENDATION: Approval for the period 1 October 1952 through 30 September 1953 is recommended. Such approval and the allotment of funds will be restricted to activity carried out in direct support of FI objectives.

[ Acting Chief, STC ]

[ Chief, Operations ]

[ Chief, Plans ]

Approved: [ ]

AV Canner, RI

24 Oct 52  
Date

ATTACHMENTS: Project Outline AECOB  
Communications Annex

cc: STC/SPB  
RI for Vital Records

\*This figure has been amended as outlined in memorandum from Acting Chief, SR to Chief, P&P, dated 5 November 1952 and should read \$134,950.00.

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